Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2022 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1060	
Bill #: HB 113	
Document ID #: 1721	
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to primaries.	
Sponsor: Representative Buddy Wheatley	
Unit of Government: City X County X Urban-Count Unified Loca	•
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government	-
Office(s) Impacted: County Clerks	
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional	
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies ExistingX Adds New Eliminates Existing	

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

HB 113 defines "registered independent" or "independent" as a voter who is not registered as a member of a political party, political organization, or political group. It would allow for independents to vote in a primary of one political party. It further requires that voting machines have the capability to do this.

The fiscal impact to local governments is expected to be minimal to moderate depending on the size of the county and the clerk's office overall budget. The Kentucky County Clerk's Association has concerns regarding the printing of additional Democrat and Republican ballots due to independent voters being eligible to vote in the primary. To ensure a sufficient supply, clerks may opt to overprint. The number of voters registered as independent might increase in order to preserve their flexibility of voting in either primary.

Another factor to consider are the number of voters that are registered with a party other than Democrat, Republican, or Independent who might change their registration to Independent in order to vote in the primary.

To meet a possible influx of primary voters and in addition to additional ballots, clerks might need additional precinct workers. Precinct workers historically have been paid the statutory minimum of \$60 to as much as \$200 per day plus a training day for which the precinct workers are paid a statutory minimum of \$10 or more. KRS 117.343, does provide for reimbursement of 0.50 per registered voter to the counties for the cost of employing personnel necessary to conduct elections.

The attached table details the number of independent registrants per county as of November, 2020. It also provides the number of voters who are registered not as a Democrat, Republican, or independent, but as Other, Libertarian, Green, Constitution, Reform, and Socialist Workers.

County	Independents Registrations	Total Number of Registrations Other Than Dem, Rep, Ind.	County	Independents Registrations	Total Number of Registrations Other Than Dem, Rep, Ind.
ADAIR	423	506	KNOX	512	756
ALLEN	362	908	LARUE	278	636
ANDERSON		814	LAUREL		
	613 119	-		1,275	1,960
BALLARD	-	283	LAWRENCE	411	562
BARREN	1,208	1,235	LEE	111	135
BATH	161	408	LESLIE	126	158
BELL	288	981	LETCHER	325	407
BOONE	5,722	10,343	LEWIS	239	340
BOURBON	552	652	LINCOLN	500	964
BOYD	2,329	1,767	LIVINGSTON	172	340
BOYLE	838	1,252	LOGAN	515	1,017
BRACKEN	159	244	LYON	187	333
BREATHITT	117	267	MCCRACKEN	2,212	3,612
BRECKINRIDGE	589	535	MCCREARY	293	353
BULLITT	2,186	4,564	MCLEAN	139	278
BUTLER	200	293	MADISON	3,582	4,567
CALDWELL	228	440	MAGOFFIN	150	85
CALLOWAY	1,207	2,297	MARION	277	448
CAMPBELL	4,674	6,657	MARSHALL	785	1,060
CARLISLE	55	118	MARTIN	125	142
CARROLL	172	490	MASON	440	809
CARTER	662	892	MEADE	871	1,505
CASEY	302	181	MENIFEE	155	280
CHRISTIAN	2,010	4,497	MERCER	937	588
CLARK				278	307
-	1,030	2,238	METCALFE		
CLAY	231	221	MONROE	127	226
CLINTON	93	80	MONTGOMERY	654	832
CRITTENDEN	183	401	MORGAN	161	209
CUMBERLAND	100	152	MUHLENBERG	482	1,007
DAVIESS	2,429	4,402	NELSON	1,110	2,252
EDMONSON	275	352	NICHOLAS	101	257
ELLIOTT	76	165	OHIO	405	935
ESTILL	276	447	OLDHAM	2,780	3,906
FAYETTE	13,388	17,640	OWEN	258	302
FLEMING	220	494	OWSLEY	40	65
FLOYD	1,016	450	PENDLETON	348	629
FRANKLIN	1,594	1,905	PERRY	431	448
FULTON	92	402	PIKE	1,137	2,013
GALLATIN	211	383	POWELL	243	385
GARRARD	406	889	PULASKI	1,554	2,573
GRANT	637	1,507	ROBERTSON	24	60
GRAVES	579	1,128	ROCKCASTLE	388	373
GRAYSON	405	816	ROWAN	684	840
GREEN	186	330	RUSSELL	383	413
GREENUP	1,189	1,461	SCOTT	1,752	2,489
HANCOCK	175	310	SHELBY	1,494	1,905
HARDIN	3,901	7,497	SIMPSON	467	1,028
HARLAN	352	513	SPENCER	623	799
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HARRISON	441		TAYLOR	557	782
HART	369	623	TODD	164	467
HENDERSON	922	2,162	TRIGG	468	523
HENRY	332	519	TRIMBLE	174	387
HICKMAN	51	156	UNION	172	441
HOPKINS	1,135	1,729	WARREN	4,228	5,515
JACKSON	178	328	WASHINGTON	207	347
JEFFERSON	26,983	39,763	WAYNE	393	493
JESSAMINE	1,806	2,766	WEBSTER	180	436
JOHNSON	432	644	WHITLEY	769	1,054
KENTON	7,749	13,894	WOLFE	67	157
KNOTT	215	177	WOODFORD	995	1,098
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Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

Part II refers to the bill as introduced. There are no prior versions.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff, Kentucky County Clerk's Association, State Board of Elections

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